

Area Development Fact Sheet



Overview

Playhouse Square is a catalyst for economic growth for downtown Cleveland and the entire region, bringing businesses, residents and 1.2 million guests to the area every year. In an unprecedented move for a not-for-profit arts organization, Playhouse Square established a Real Estate Services Division in 1999 to support its arts operations. Playhouse Square is active in area development in order to give visitors a lively, welcoming and entertaining destination, while also creating a neighborhood with a robust business environment.

Initiatives

- ♦ Asset / Property Management
- ♦ Consulting / Facility Management
- ♦ Non-Profit Property Management
- ♦ Area Aesthetic Improvements / Streetscape Planning
- ♦ Attract Developer & Retail Investments
- ♦ Tenant / Owner Representation

Facts

- ♦ Established Cleveland's first business improvement district (BID) – a shared services model that has since been expanded into what is now the city-wide Downtown Cleveland, Inc.
- ♦ Manages approximately 5.6 million square feet of office and retail space, with more than 2.6 million square feet of that space in the Playhouse Square District
- ♦ Owns 19 properties in Downtown Cleveland
- ♦ Developed the 205-room Crowne Plaza Cleveland Hotel and attracted a variety of restaurants to the neighborhood to serve the overnight-stay, meeting and dining needs of the community
- ♦ Managed the multimillion-dollar restoration and renovation of five historic theaters since 1978, thus making Playhouse Square the world's largest theater restoration project
- ♦ Completed the Dazzle the District neighborhood makeover in 2014, featuring North America's largest outdoor chandelier, which is generously presented by GE Lighting, a Savant company
- ♦ Opened The Lumen, a 34-story apartment tower, to residents in 2020
- ♦ Opened The Bulkley Residences in 2025

